

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Market-Dominant Price Change

Docket No. R2022-1

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 4

(Issued April 26, 2022)

To clarify the basis of information provided by the Postal Service in its Notice of Market Dominant Price Change, filed April 6, 2022,¹ the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions. Answers should be provided to the individual questions as soon as they are developed, but no later than April 29, 2022.

First-Class Mail

1. In the April 21 Response to CHIR No. 2, question 1, the Postal Service states “[s]ince these Round-Trip Mailers can also be sorted to Mixed AADC and AADC, as enumerated in sections 1110.5 and 1115.4 of the Mail Classification Schedule, the Postal Service decided to offer the lower (Nonautomation AADC Letter) price (\$0.461) that was approved by the Commission in Docket No. R2021-2 for Round-Trip Mailers as well.”² In Library Reference USPS-LR-R2022-1/1, Excel file “CAPCALC-FCM-R2022-1.xlsx,” the Postal Service lists the current price for a Mixed automated area distribution center (AADC) Presort Nonautomation Machinable Letter as \$0.494.³

¹ United States Postal Service Notice of Market-Dominant Price Change, April 6, 2022 (Notice).

² Responses of the United States Postal Service to Chairman's Information Request No. 2, Questions 1–6, 8, and 9, April 21, 2022, question 1 (April 21 Response to CHIR No. 2).

³ Library Reference USPS-LR-R2022-1/1, April 6, 2022, Excel file “CAPCALC-FCM-R2022-1.xlsx,” tab “Nonauto Presort Letters,” cell I6.

- a. Please confirm that the Postal Service currently offers both the Mixed AADC (\$0.494) and AADC (\$0.461) prices for Round-Trip Mailer (RTM) Letters and Flats. If not confirmed, please explain.
- b. Please confirm that a Mixed AADC RTM Letter or Flat currently receives the equivalent price to a Mixed AADC Presort Nonautomation Machinable Letter (\$0.494). If confirmed, please update Library Reference USPS-LR-R2022-1/1, Excel file “CAPCALC-FCM-R2022-1.xlsx,” tab “Nonauto Presort Letters,” cell I15 and tab “Nonauto Presort Flats,” cell H6. If not confirmed, please explain.

USPS Marketing Mail

2. In the April 21 Response to CHIR No. 2, question 4.c. and related revised Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) page, the Postal Service proposes to change “Nonautomation” to “Nonmachinable” in section 1225.4 of the MCS.⁴ Making this change would result in primary price categories of “Automation,” “Nonmachinable Letters,” “Nonmachinable,” and “Customized MarketMail” for the Flats product, which are inconsistent with the primary price categories of “Automation Flats,” “Nonautomation Flats,” “Nonmachinable Letters,” and “Customized MarketMail” appearing in sections 1225.2 and 1225.6 of Revised Attachment A.⁵
 - a. Please confirm that the change from “Nonautomation” to “Nonmachinable” in section 1225.4 of the MCS as described in the April 21 Response to CHIR No. 2, question 4.c. and related revised MCS page should not be made.
 - b. If question 2.a. is not confirmed, please explain why the primary price categories proposed in section 1225.4 of the MCS are inconsistent with

⁴ April 21 Response to CHIR No. 2, question 4.c. and Attachment at 68.

⁵ *Id.*; United States Postal Service Notice of Filing Updated Mail Classification Schedule Language, April 12, 2022, Attachment at 66-73 (Revised Attachment A).

the primary price categories appearing in sections 1225.2 and 1225.6 of the proposed MCS (*i.e.*, section 1225.4 would have two “Nonmachinable” categories and no “Nonautomation” category).

- c. If necessary, please provide updated Revised Attachment A pages reflecting any further changes needed in legislative format and provide an explanation for any additional changes.

By the Chairman.

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